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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I've waited for years and years for fiber optic cable in my neighborhood and was dismayed with the lack of competitive options for internet service. The free market was not working. This month a local provider finally brought fiber optic to my door and gave me a real option for service.

I'm a small business owner that works out of my home and competition for broadband service has improved my business significantly.

Please don't squash the free market for internet service, it really can't help small businesses like mine.

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